

**NPDES Stormwater  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
REPORT OF MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012  
10:00 to NOON  
CITY OF FOSTER CITY**

**1. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT, AND AGENDA REVISIONS**

Self-introductions were made. Matt Fabry, Program Coordinator, announced there would be an inspector's training workshop in South San Francisco on April 25. The February minutes were adopted as written. No changes were made to the agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PRELIMINARY 2012/13 COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM BUDGET**

Matt provided a brief introduction to the preliminary budget and Jon Konnan with EOA provided additional detail. The preliminary budget shows an increase of approximately \$600,000 over the previous year's budget projection for FY 2012/13 as a result of 1) adding \$300K under New Development for a green street retrofit in San Carlos that will also serve as a mercury/PCB retrofit, 2) an increase of \$150K for additional trash technical support to jurisdictions for transitioning through implementing short-term load reduction plans to developing long-term plans, and 3) an increase of \$150K for providing a mercury/PCB diversion project in San Carlos. Jon provided an overview of the updated budget spreadsheets, including details on the newly incorporated worksheet showing the Countywide Program's contributions to the over \$6 million in regional projects funded through the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA). The group also discussed contingency items such as support for a Proposition 218 process (previously budgeted at \$500K), ongoing legal support for permit appeals, litigation, and unfunded mandates (annually at \$75K), and possible funds for support in pursuing grant opportunities. Matt and Jon will work to finalize the preliminary budget for focused review and discussion with the ad-hoc budget work group, with the intent of providing the final draft budget at the April TAC meeting.

**B. PROPOSITION 218 DISCUSSION**

Matt provided an overview of the discussion presented at C/CAG's Congestion Management TAC last week soliciting feedback and level of interest in pursuing a countywide Proposition 218 effort to increase funding for meeting stormwater compliance mandates. Matt provided an overview of the current status of the Contra Costa County Clean Water Program's effort and the group discussed the pros and cons of pursuing a similar measure in San Mateo County. Concerns raised through the Contra Costa effort include the overall significant cost (\$1.5 million in Contra Costa, mostly due to printing and postage for multiple mailings to ~320,000 parcels), ongoing costs for items like annual audits and citizen oversight committees, public apprehension with a mail-out ballot, lack of knowledge about the Countywide Program, and resources required to respond to the many requests for information when ballots are on the street (over 1,000 calls already to Contra Costa staff). It was noted that at least one city has a budget set-aside to contribute to a countywide Proposition 218 effort.

**C. COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM COMMITTEE STRUCTURE DISCUSSION**

Matt provided an overview of the discussion presented at C/CAG's Congestion Management TAC last week soliciting feedback on possible options for providing additional management-level

committee involvement in the Countywide Program. Options presented to the CM TAC included reconvening C/CAG's NPDES Committee and appointing a combination of Public Works and Planning/Community Development Directors or adding a stormwater steering committee designation to the CM TAC and ensuring adequate representation of all 21 jurisdictions. Committee members generally supported higher-level involvement in the Countywide Program but there was some concern that it could be problematic for smaller municipalities to participate. Either option would require an action by the C/CAG Board. Matt will continue working with C/CAG's Executive Director Rich Napier to develop a proposal.

**D. REPORT ON MEETING WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER GORDON**

As reported last month, in response to a letter from the Santa Clara Valley program to its local legislative delegation regarding the State's broken process for annually adopting permit fees through emergency regulations, Matt, Rich Napier, C/CAG Deputy Director Sandy Wong, and Adam Olivieri from the Santa Clara stormwater program met with Assemblymember Rich Gordon to discuss the fee issue and other stormwater funding and regulatory obstacles. Mr. Gordon expressed an interest in having San Mateo and Santa Clara program staff work with his staff to explore potential solutions, both legislatively and through the State's budget process, to some of the issues.

**E. BASMAA/CASQA UPDATES**

Matt reported that two grant applications were submitted by BASMAA for funding under the EPA's San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund. The first, on which BASMAA was a partner with the primary applicant, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, is seeking funding for trash capture devices and monitoring/verification of some of the load reduction methodologies identified in the BASMAA regional trash reports. The second, on which BASMAA was the applicant, was for additional funding for mercury/PCBs efforts focused on compiling and evaluating the various pilot project efforts under the Municipal Regional Permit to provide direction for the next permit term. Jon reminded the group that there are revisions underway to the Annual Reporting forms and guidance, with most of the planned modifications in the C.3 New Development and C.10 Trash sections. Proposed revisions are being presented to the New Development Subcommittee and Trash Work Group. Matt reported that CASQA Board members continue to meet with State and Regional Board staff to discuss opportunities to improve municipal stormwater permitting language and processes. As a new CASQA Board member, Matt will try to get more involved in this effort to help represent Bay Area interests.

**2. SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP REPORTS –**

**A. PUBLIC INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION**

Car wash discount cards/tip cards were provided to PIP reps at last week's meeting. Timothy Swillinger provided an update on the Regional Advertising Campaign's "Be the Street" litter reduction campaign. Jurisdictions can post spring cleanup events on the flowstobay website. Matt indicated the overall PIP budget is fixed, but the committee would be considering areas to rearrange funding within the PIP program, including potential upgrades to the flowstobay website.

**B. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE**

No update, meets March 21.

**C. NEW DEVELOPMENT**

Meeting summary was included in agenda packet.

**D. MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

**1) MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meets March 28.

**2) TRASH WORKGROUP**

Meets March 28.

**3) PARKS MAINTENANCE & IPM WORKGROUP**

Annual training workshop was in February, next meeting in April.

**E. WATERSHED ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING**

Meets next in April or May.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

The next TAC meeting will be held on April 17 at 10 am in Redwood City.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**